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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

MISC. NO. 3: 03-mc-27

IN RE: DEMONSTRATIONS, PARADES, OR SOLICITATIONS

This matter is before the court on its own motion as it appears from news reports and other sources that there is a possibility that persons may desire to demonstrate, parade or otherwise solicit in the vicinity of the United States Courthouses in the Western District of North Carolina.

This court recognizes the right of persons to peacefully protest and the rights of persons to assemble and petition their government. However, such protests can not be allowed to prevent the administration of justice of the federal courts. Nor can the court permit any interference with or intimidation of persons entering or exiting the courthouses.

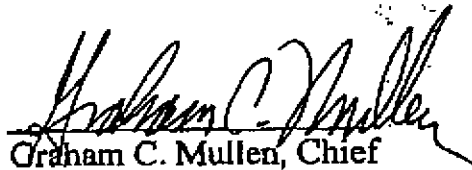
Accordingly, any protests which occur in the vicinity of the United States Courthouses in Charlotte, Asheville, Statesville, Bryson City, or Wilkesboro, North Carolina shall be confined to the public sidewalks and shall not be held on the physical grounds of the courthouse. No person or group of persons shall parade, picket, walk, stand, or otherwise be on the federal property while displaying signs, banners, placards, or literature of any form or type nor carry on oral demonstrations or solicitations of any kind for any purpose on Courthouse property.

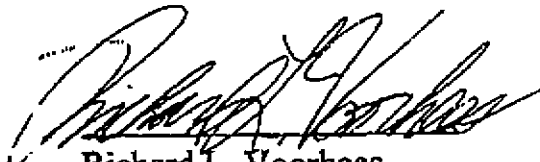
If the United States Marshal or his deputy shall determine that such a demonstration or other act prohibited above, even though not actually on courthouse property, is proposed to take place or gathers on a sidewalk located immediately adjacent to a federal courthouse or begins to occur in such manner as to jeopardize security, endanger any federal building or its occupants, or interfere with ingress or egress from any such United States courthouse, the Marshal may rope off such area and direct that such demonstration or act be held in a safer location near the courthouse.

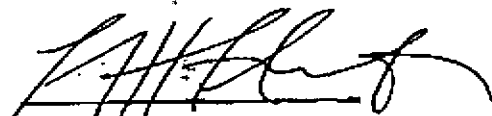
Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect the operation or enforcement of any local ordinance not in conflict herewith pertaining to parade permits and the like. Violators may be subject to punishment of contempt of court of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.

The Clerk shall provide the United States Marshal with a copy of this Order.

SO ORDERED on behalf of the entire Court this 28th day of February, 2003.


Graham C. Mullen, Chief
U.S. District Court Judge


Richard L. Voorhees
U.S. District Court Judge


Lacy H. Thornburg
U.S. District Court Judge